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FM AMEMBASSY JIDDA

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 4989

INFO AMEMBASSY AMMAN

AMEMBASSY BEIRUT

AMCONSUL JERUSALEM

AMEMBASSY KUWAIT

AMEMBASSY TEL AVIV

C O N F I D E N T I A L JIDDA 4103

STATE PASS USINT CAIRO

EO 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINT, PINS, JO, SA, ME

SUBJECT: SAUDI SURPRISE AT AMNESTY

REF: AMMAN 5059

1. PROOF THAT SAG WAS AS ASTONISHED AS REST OF ELVANT
AT ACTION OF KING HUSSEIN IN FREEING ABU DA'UD AND HIS
FRIENDS IS IN TOTAL ABSENCE SO FAR OF PRESS EDITORIAL
COMMENT ON FOUR-DAY OLD AMNESTY. NEWS REPORTED STRAIGHT
ON FIRST DAY WITHOUT COMMENT OR SPECULATION DESPITE OB-
VIOUS IMPACT OF FREEING ABU DA'UD ON SAUDI DESIRE HAVE
KUWAIT CONTINUE HOLD SAUDI PARIS EMBASSY HIJACKERS IF
NOT ACTUALLY BRING THEM TO TRIAL.

2. ONLY COMMENTS WE HAVE HEARD CAME FROM LOWER LEVEL
OFFICIALS, WHO FELT INITIALLY AT LEAST THAT AMNESTY WAS
GREAT MISTAKE IN VIEW OF PALESTINIAN INTRANSIGENCE AND
DOUBLE-DEALING. RECENT SAG ANGER AT FATAH COUPLED WITH
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FACT KING HIMSELF DEEPLY ANGERED BY LACK OF DISCIPLINE

IN FEDAYEEN RANKS DEMONSTRATED BY PARIS INCIDENT APPEAR
TO HAVE BEEN UNDER-CUT BY AMNESTY. INITIATIVE BY KING
HUSSEIN LEADS IN UNCERTAIN DIRECTIONS FROM SAG STANDPOINT.

3. WE WILL LISTEN FOR FURTHER REACTIONS BUT OBVIOUS
ALREADY THAT HUSSEIN ACTION WAS NOT IN SAUDI SCRIPT FOR
HARMONIZING APPROACH TO ME CONFLICT AMONG ARAB CONFRON-
TATION STATES.
HORAN

NOTE BY OC/T: NOT PASSED USINT CAIRO.

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